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For: CONJUGATED INFRARED FLUORESCENT  
SUBSTANCES FOR DETECTION OF CELL  
DEATH

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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